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Warden defends county council's leadership

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Reacting to criticism about a "failure of leadership" by county politicians, the county's warden is wondering whether leadership means rushing blindly into a situation everyone may regret later.

"County councillors want to know the costs of downloading from the province, the effects of Actual Value Assessment (being introduced as a new property tax structure) and the impact of restructuring before they make any decisions," Warden Murray Fearrey told *The Echo* two weeks after Snowdon Reeve George Simmons chastized his fellow politicians for moving too slowly towards restructuring local government at a Canning Lake Property Owners' Association meeting.

"County council has already worked hard at taking the cuts (in provincial funding), reducing costs and trying to rebuild the reserves," which had been eliminated by previous county councils, Fearrey said. "Do you now want to move for the sake of moving, or because you've got consensus and you know what the results will be?"

"... George's approach to restructuring is based on conjecture (of the future impact of provincial changes.) That's not a fault, because he sincerely believes that, but the reality is if you're going to move, you need to know the reasons for doing it and have the facts and figures in front of you."

Currently, municipal clerks are investigating the financial repercussions of the county's 10

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EVERY FACE IS A CANVAS: Emily Gardiner transforms 5-year-old Keisha Sunley-Paisley of Toronto into a beautiful butterfly while Caitlyn Crichton-Mailey watches and gets a few ideas for when it's

her turn. The three were enjoying the fun at the Eagle Lake Rhubarb Festival on Saturday. And yes – the 170 rhubarb pies sold out in an hour... More photos on page 27.

The price of naiveté

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

In their naiveté of being first-time owners of vacant land, Patricia and Michael Deverell mistakenly believed they weren't getting property tax bills because they hadn't built anything yet.

But today, after their waterfront property has been sold because they didn't pay those taxes, they don't think their naiveté should cost them \$85,000.

The Mississauga couple is fighting Anson, Hindon and Minden's sale of their five acres of land on Big Bob Lake for tax arrears, and they also want to caution other property owners about the pitfalls and dangers of the Ontario Municipal Act.

Back in January of 1990, the two teachers bought the land as their retirement nest egg, planning to eventually build here, and also as a place where they could take their twin children,

then 3 and a half years old, for a breath of country life. Not wanting another mortgage, they paid cash for the land – \$85,000.

They received one tax bill in spring of 1990 and paid it. All might have been fine if it hadn't been for the fact they moved a kilometre away in September

Patricia and Michael Deverell didn't pay property taxes because they never received the bills. The municipality sold their \$85,000 waterfront retreat for tax arrears and now the Mississauga couple is fighting back

1991. For six months they paid Canada Post to forward their mail and thought this would cover all their postal bases.

Twice a summer they'd come up to the property, where they built a small shed and placed a trailer. They were members of the lake association, had their

names added to the road sign and only periodically thought about why they had not received another tax bill. Since it was for a relatively small amount – about \$300 a year – they thought the municipality did not collect the taxes until something was

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Dysart to hold election poll in North York

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Seasonal residents won't have to drive all the way up to the Highlands in the fall to help decide who will sit on Dysart et al council for its next term.

The municipality is trying to arrange an advanced poll in North York on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The out-of-town poll, a first for any municipality in the county, would make it more convenient for cottagers to have a say in the Nov. 10 election.

Many seasonal property owners close up their cottages for the winter before municipal elections traditionally come around late in the fall. That leaves them having to make a special trip back to the Highlands if they want to vote. Holding an advance poll in North York would mean less travel time the Dysart's seasonal residents, since the majority of them live in the Toronto area, said Reeve Murray Fearrey.

Dysart is negotiating with the City of North York to use a community centre on Avenue

Rd., not far from Highways 401 and 400, as a polling station.

Two other advanced polls will be held in the Highlands, on November 1 and November 8.

Clerk-administrator Donna McCallum said it is important for property owners to make certain they are registered on Dysart's voters' list.

The upcoming municipal election will use the same list that was used for June's federal election. Many area voters complained they had been left off the list.

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Lost and found: two women have wallets returned

WITH BABY twin girls less than a month old, Suzanne McTeague had her hands full when

she and her mother, Doris Pierson, came into Haliburton to do some shopping last week. To make things easier when they were putting the girls, Hunter and Tatum, in their carseats, McTeague put her wallet on the top of the car. Of course, a few minutes later when they were ready to drive off, she forgot all about the wallet and headed for home in Eagle Lake. Ann Alden of Wilberforce was behind them and saw the wallet come off the car near Elstone Motors. She pulled over, not knowing what the flying object was, and discovering the wallet, took it home to Wilberforce. She called McTeague, who was "sweating buckets" with worry and arranged to have a friend drop it off at a pick up spot in Haliburton. McTeague admits that as a new mother, "I've got babies on my mind" and is very grateful to Ms. Alden for finding and returning the wallet, which had all the girls' health registration forms in it. "It's nice there are people out there who are honest," she says.

Meanwhile, a woman who lost \$108 after doing some banking in Haliburton has a young Good Samaritan to thank for seeing her money returned. Sean Irvine, a 17-year-old from Haliburton, found the money on the counter at the Bank of Montreal. He quickly turned it over to bank staff, who were able to locate the customer who lost it. When she picked up her lost money, the woman also asked for Sean's name and address so she could send him a thank-you.

The BOOM sailing program has introduced dozens of youngsters in the Highlands to the joy of sailing. Adults would have found it a tough fit in one of the small sailboats, but the Drag Lake Property Owners Association now has something that will fit them just fine. BOOM Plus is a three-day sailing course for adults and, luckily, the sailboats used by the Ontario Sailing Association are little Lasers - perfect for the novice sailor or sailor who wants to perfect his or her skills. The program runs July

HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

News about people and events in Haliburton County

28, 29 and 30 at Drag Lake, and the cost for the three days is only \$75 for instruction and use of the sailboat. For info, call Sarah Katz at 457-1934.

The Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services centre has a brand new state-of-the-art computer thanks to IBM. This is the 25th anniversary of IBM's Fund for Community Service, which recognizes Canadian non-profit charities with a mission to assist the disadvantaged, seniors, and/or people with disabilities. To recognize the volunteer work of one of its retirees and his spouse, Ross and June Partridge, who worked very hard to get the centre established with Haliburton Highlands Health Services, IBM donated the \$3,400 Aptiva to the board. The gift includes a 166MHz computer with CD ROM, stereo speakers, 15" colour monitor, colour printer and significant software. It is now up and running at the Minden centre.

Be part of the Frost Centre on July 24 when it celebrates its heritage with the premiere of On the Shores of St. Nora featuring singer/songwriter David Archibald who will perform a multi-media tribute to "the life, lore and landscape of the Frost Centre." The original songs, humorous at times, complement the visual slide show with both archival and contemporary images of the centre. Travel back in time to visit the former Forest Ranger School, smell the smoke from the fire tower and walk through a shelterwood forest. The celebrations begin at 4:30, followed by a buffet dinner at 6:30 and the performance at 8:30. The cost is \$20 plus tax. For reservations, call Shirley Davidson at (705) 766-0545.

The winners of the Haliburton and District Lions Club mini-boat race on July 16 at Head Lake Park are as follows: Daisy Gibson, Laurie Bonfield, Gord Campbell, Jack Cox, Rob Hill, Mary Wilkson, Heather and Sue Eskelin, Murray Fearrey, Craig Elstone, Archie Travis, John Skelton and Louise Weber. The Club thanks everyone for their support in this annual fundraiser.

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When you phone an emergency number you will definitely be excited. It will be hard to stay calm and give the call taker the information they require. Most of Haliburton County is dispatched out of Peterborough or Lindsay. This is true for Police, Fire and Ambulance. Because of this the call taker will not know you or your neighbour personally and will need to know the road number, or lake numbering system location and will ask for directions. Write this information down beside the phone in case it is not you phoning. Whichever service you do phone you will only have to give the information once as they will contact the other services that are needed for your emergency. Again, as difficult as it may be or annoying as it may seem to answer the dispatchers questions all of this information is needed for a prompt response.

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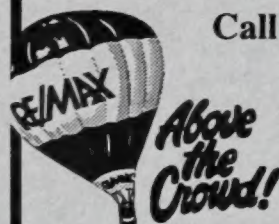
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When you pay \$85,000 cash for a property, "you don't play Russian roulette with the taxes," the Deverells say

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built on the land.

"We were derelict in not making inquiries," says Mrs. Deverell during an interview at the Echo with her husband, "but we had never owned vacant land before. We never thought someone couldn't find us. We thought they were waiting for us to build. We certainly made the first mistake."

"But our mistake, we feel," adds Michael Deverell, "isn't worth \$85,000 and \$10,000 in legal fees."

The cost of their mistake was first hinted at in a surprise letter they received in early 1996 from an "estate finder." This man said the Deverells had come into a financial windfall, and if they wanted to receive it, they'd have to pay him half, or \$8,000, within five business days.

"We thought it was something flim flam and ignored the letter," Mrs. Deverell says. Her husband adds "if it was our money, why should we pay him half?"

Then, a week later, they had a phone call at home from another stranger. Mrs. Deverell answered. The man said he had bad news for them — their Big Bob Lake property had been sold by the municipality for \$20,000 to cover the \$880 in arrears plus roughly \$2,800 in administrative fees. Expressing sympathy for the Deverells' plight, the man offered a possible solution — he could contact the new owner for them and they could pay \$40,000 to get the property back.

Struck by the coincidence of having two people within a week contacting them and asking for money, she told the caller about the estate agent. It seemed strange that the "windfall" of \$16,000 was the price the land sold for minus the amount owed the municipality.

The caller, who they now surmise is the man who bought the

property, reacted quickly. "He's a crook," he said of the agent. "You haven't signed anything, have you?"

Upset, distraught and knowing her husband would be "bereft", Mrs. Deverell was unwilling to pay an additional \$40,000 for property they already owned. She immediately phoned Don Finn, the Minden lawyer who had handled the land sale back in 1990. "He said a few curse words and said this couldn't be happening." (A year later, with the court case approaching, Finn also suggested contacting the media as a way of making people aware of the Deverells' plight.)

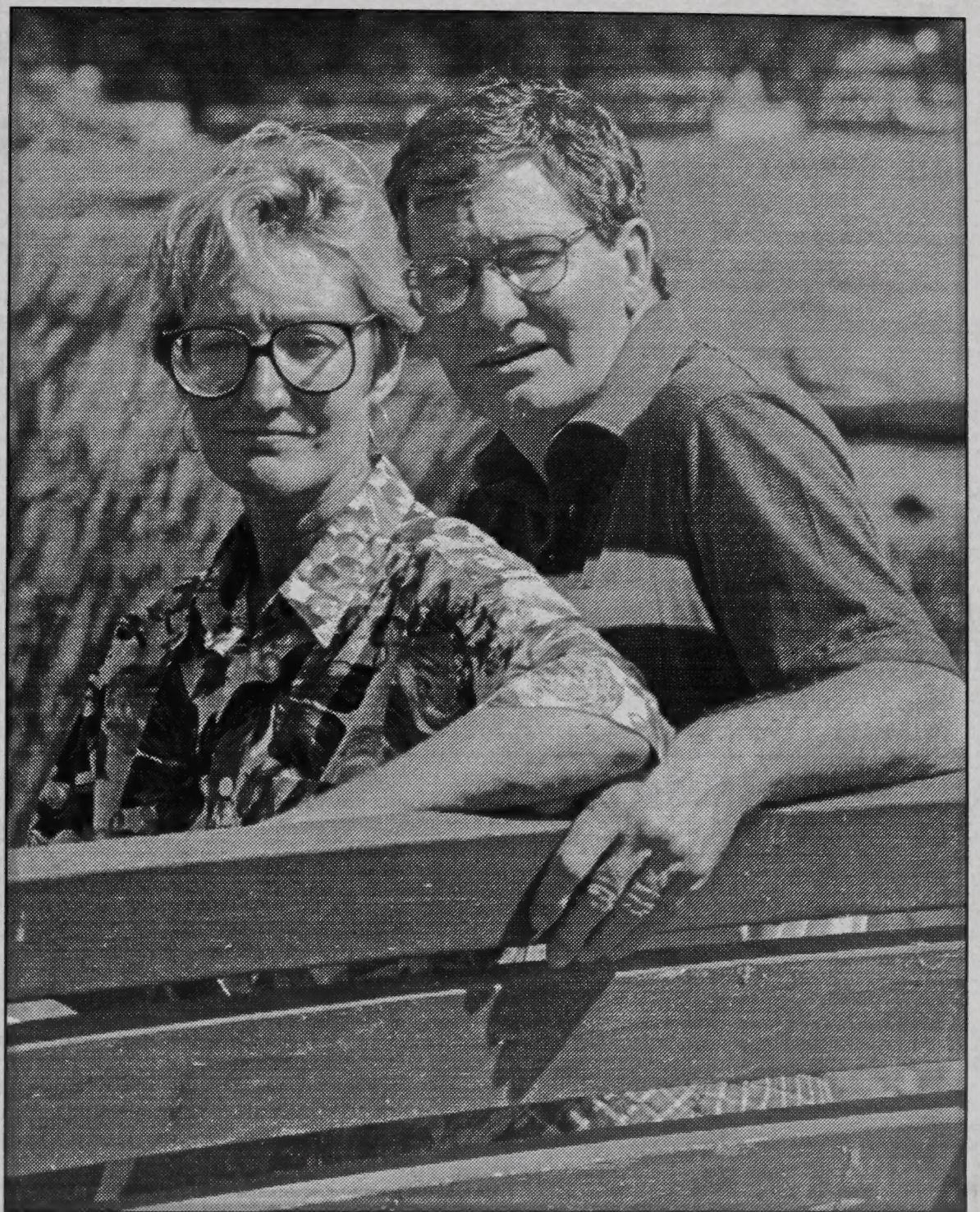
Through Finn, the Deverells found out that yes, the land had been sold several days earlier, but the good news was the deed had not yet been transferred. In a flurry of phone calls, they reached a lawyer who specializes in municipal law, Gil Deverell, who happens to be Michael's cousin.

Gil Deverell advised them to immediately fax the Minden municipal office to say they were going to pay all taxes and interest on the next banking day. They did, hoping this would be enough to persuade the municipality to stop the sale, give the new owner back his money and then transfer the land back to them.

This didn't happen, and so the Deverells are taking the municipality to court to get the property back. A court date had first been set for Dec. 2, 1996, but upon looking at the file, the judge said the case would take a whole day, and only half a day had been reserved. Another court date is set for August 27. (AHM Reeve Jeanne Anthon says she's unable to comment on the case because it's before the courts.)

The Deverells are hinging their case on two key points.

The first is that they were at their original address for one and half years after buying the property. The 1990 interim tax bill was sent and received at this address, but they say the next two tax bills were sent to the previous owner, who paid the first but not the second. (The five acres had been severed from a larger parcel so perhaps, the Deverells say, the previous owners took time to realize they were paying for



"We were derelict in not making inquiries" when they didn't receive their tax bills, but Patricia and Michael Deverell thought the municipality was waiting until they built on their vacant land. While they admit to making the first mistake, however, "our mistake is not worth \$85,000"

a parcel they no longer owned.) And it is this third bill — sent to the previous owners — which is being used as the "foundation" point for the tax arrears.

After this, because their mail forwarding agreement had expired, the tax bills were sent back to the municipality marked "moved" or "no longer at this address". Because the Deverells had received only one bill, they say the routine of paying the taxes had never been established and they didn't realize anything was out of the ordinary.

Their second belief is the municipality did not exercise full "duty of care" in trying to find them. They were members of the lake association and received newsletters at their Highlands property, where there were signs they were visiting periodically. Ontario Hydro had their new address because of easement agreements. The phone caller last summer found them easily, too, since there are few Deverells in the phone book.

As well, back in '95, the Deverells put the land up for sale. The real estate agent phoned the municipal office and inquired about taxes. When the Deverells received a written report that said taxes were approximately \$330 a year, they thought "oh, so that's what it is a year" and said to each other that they'd have to settle the tax bill

with the money from the sale.

Yet during this contact with the municipal office, the real estate office was not told the taxes were in arrears. "Here was an opportunity staring (Minden) in the face to alert us as to the pending disaster. This is at the very time that final notices were being prepared," says Mrs. Deverell.

The Deverells say "the other side" is trying to exploit the fact they put the land up for sale "but we fail to see how it's relevant or rational. They maintain we must have been 'feeling the pinch.' This is not entirely untrue. Our new home in town was sapping our funds and energy and we couldn't see our way clear to build for some time," which is why the property was for sale.

But, she says, anyone who pays \$85,000 cash for a property "doesn't play Russian roulette with the taxes."

After listing the property six months, the Deverells took it off because they did not receive a suitable offer.

"It's so heartless," Mr. Deverell says of the process which has led to the municipal sale of their land, a sale they definitely do not profit from. They feel the municipality had a "moral imperative" to try harder to find them. The Municipal Tax Sale Guide says selling the property — which is announced in

consecutive advertisements once all procedures have been followed — is to be used as a "last resort" only, and the municipality could have resorted to a little more searching to find them.

They realize not everyone will be sympathetic to their plight since they did not pay the taxes, and did not make more of an effort themselves to find out why they weren't receiving any tax bills. They admit they made that mistake, but again stress that such a small mistake — for \$880 in property taxes — should not cost them 10 times that amount by losing the land.

"Obviously we'd been careless but we'd been at the address they had for a year and a half" after they purchased the land. "We feel we've been naive, yes, but that naiveté has been exploited."

"We feel this is a 'cottagers beware' story," she adds.

Asked what advice they'd give, she says

- "never pay cash. Definitely have a mortgage so you can have a bank involved. If we had had a mortgage, the bank would have notified us the taxes were in arrears."

- "even if it is vacant land you visit only twice a year, inquire (about taxes)", and

- "don't be naive and trusting that someone would not let this happen to you."

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As services downloaded and grants cut, Fearrey says it's wise to be cautious

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municipalities amalgamating until there are only three or four.

As Fearrey has stressed at numerous cottager association meetings over the past few weeks, this restructuring will not likely save taxpayers any money. Local governments have already absorbed millions of dollars in provincial cuts, seen more responsibility added to their level and are expecting a further combined \$2.5-million in provincial cuts next year. Since the cost per household of services in Haliburton County is already half that in the rest of the province, Fearrey says, either taxes will have to rise or services cut. There are also big shifts expected in property taxes once the province introduces AVA.

Money can be saved through amalgamation, but at a cost. Fearrey points to Kingston, where 300 employees are being laid off and the severance packages total \$11-million. If this county, at one-tenth the size, were to lay-off one-tenth the same number of employees, where,

he asked, would the county get the \$1-million for severance costs? He hopes to see savings through attrition and sharing of services.

"Restructuring isn't about 'the bottom line'," he says. Instead, it should help the smaller municipalities, such as Snowdon, survive in the face of the major changes coming this county's way.

"Snowdon's budget of \$350,000 doesn't even compare to the parks and recreation budget of Dysart," he says. "Restructuring will allow smaller municipalities to use the resources of larger municipalities to stay viable."

As well, as to Simmons' complaint over lack of movement, Fearrey says Dysart wrote Snowdon a letter three months ago stating it was willing to have the two municipalities amalgamate. Dysart has not had a written response, even though Snowdon is now in amalgamation negotiations with Lutterworth and Anson, Hindon and Minden.

"It makes me laugh when George says there's no willingness (to talk

about amalgamation)," the warden, who is also Dysart's reeve, says. "This shouldn't be 'I like to shop in Minden more than Haliburton.' It's what's best for your taxpayers... You marry municipalities which make sense to marry."

Fearrey also doesn't accept the inference that Simmons is not running for re-election because he's so upset with county council. Last year, when Snowdon was immersed in a controversy about its landfill, Fearrey remembers Simmons saying he had had his own fill of local politics. "I doubt the lack of speed over restructuring is the whole reason for his departure," Fearrey says.

He acknowledges the process has been long, and often difficult, but says many of the problems stem from the responses at the municipal level, not the county level. By moving slowly and knowing in advance the pros and cons of restructuring, Fearrey says change should be possible within the next term of office. (There is little chance of there being changes for this year's elections.)

Physics students do well in competitions

Physics students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School matched their mental mettle against students from across the province in three recent competitions and proved they are among the top of the class.

Fourteen HHSS students were among the 2,445 Grade 12s to face the challenge of the Ontario Association of Physics Teachers' Contest.

The one-hour competition consists of 30 questions examining knowledge of current events and the history of physics, as well as the fundamental concepts of physics.

Mike Anderson and Dan Wright tied as the top scorers among HHSS participants, placing them in the 88th percentile. (A percentile indicates the percentage of all contest writers having a score equal to or

less than the individual's score. That means Mike and Dan scored as high or higher than 88 per cent of the competitors.)

Matt Heffer and Nick Fawcett tied at the 82nd percentile and Rachel Levis ranked in the 75th percentile.

Other HHSS contestants who performed well include Becky Pothaar, Nate Hughes, Melyssa Anishnabi, Kristen Schakelaar, Rob Camelon, Ben Ripley, Sheamus Donnery, Stephen Hutchinson and Ron Pettit.

The University of Waterloo tests the intellect of OAC students with its annual Sir Isaac Newton Contest.

This year 5,126 students from Ontario took part with an average score of 6.6 out of a maximum of 56. (Students are penalized for guessing and marks are removed.)

The four competitors from HHSS each earned scores well-above the

provincial average. Todd Hoare placed in the 95th percentile with his score of 23, Eric Harris placed in the 91st percentile with a score of 20, Geoff Oitment ranked in the 87th percentile with a score of 18 and Jon Hebert placed in the 83rd percentile with a score of 16.

In addition to his remarkable results in the University of Waterloo contest, Todd Hoare also did very well in the University of Toronto's Leonardo da Vinci Competition.

Testing a comprehensive knowledge of math, chemistry and physics, it attracted 3,158 participants from across Canada.

Todd finished the two-hour, 24-page cerebral marathon with an overall rank of 455, placing him in the 86th percentile and rating him as one of the top high school academic prospects in Ontario.

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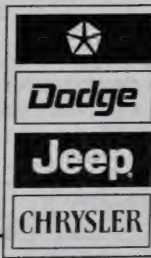
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New signs of improvement grace village

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Haliburton merchants are preparing to give the village the first few cosmetic improvements from an extensive make-over plan to spruce up its appearance.

"We're ready to roll," said Andy Glecoff, chairman of the committee overseeing the project.

The Haliburton BIA and the municipality of Dysart et al shared the cost of hiring a design consultant to create the beautification plan. The municipality will also contribute toward the BIA's expense of carrying out the improvements.

Others can also get involved in helping to upgrade the village's image this summer.

The improvement committee is hoping individuals or families, as well as service clubs and

other organizations, will purchase benches to be located along both Highland and Maple Streets.

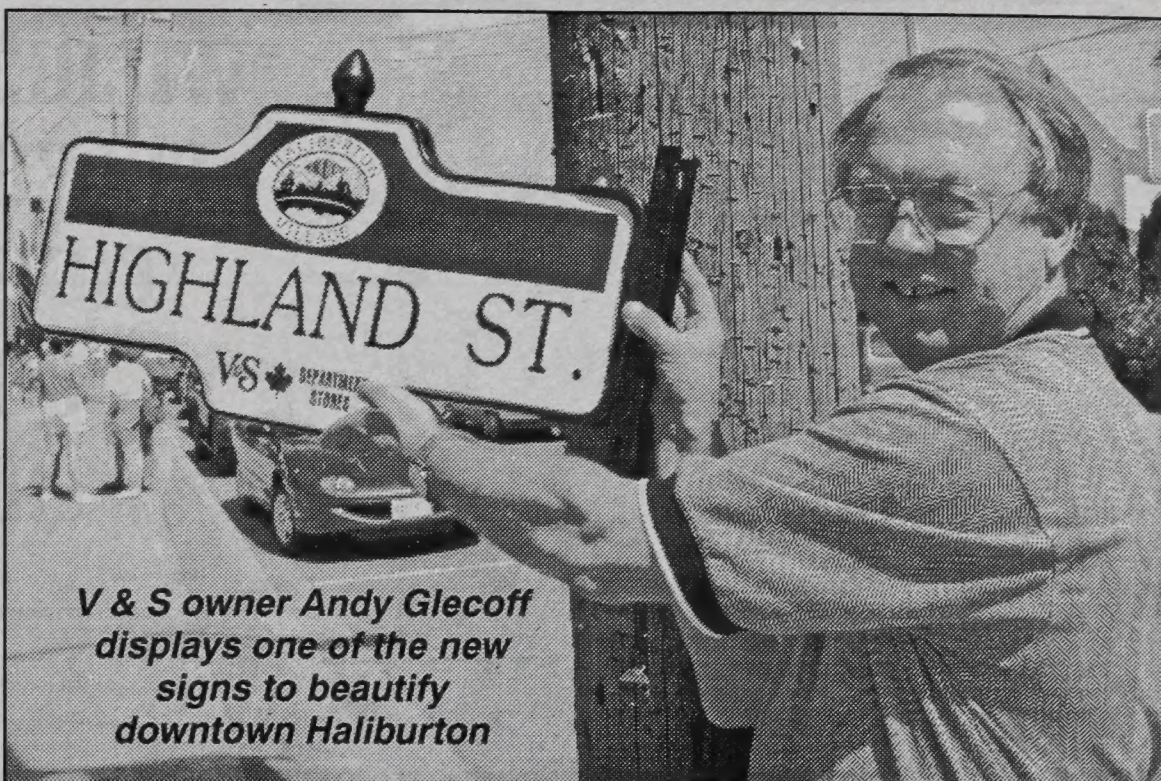
"The benches can be donated as a memorial for a family member or someone else," said Glecoff. "We'll put a plaque on the back of the bench saying who it's in memory of and who it was donated by."

He said there is a need for between 10 and 15 more benches downtown.

"There have been numerous comments from visitors that there is no place to sit. There's limited benches."

Another component of the plan is to replace existing street name signs with more attractive ones to give the village more of a "heritage look."

The signs, framed in black, cast aluminum, have attractive street-name lettering below a



V & S owner Andy Glecoff displays one of the new signs to beautify downtown Haliburton

logo, representing the Haliburton Highlands.

BIA members and other local businesses that purchase signs will have their names included on them below the street name.

"We could use about 30 to 40 signs in the downtown area," said Glecoff.

Businesses won't be given a guarantee where the sign they sponsor will be located. "Locations will be determined by lottery. We thought that was the fairest way to do it."

As soon as the BIA receives requests for about 30 signs it will place its first order.

In the meantime, the improvement committee is reviewing tenders to create three large roadside welcome signs for the

entrances into Haliburton Village. The signs will go up on Highway 118 and Highway 121, both east and west of the village.

Glecoff said the signs should be in place within six weeks.

The BIA has begun repainting flower boxes and barrels along main street.

The make-over plan proposes major undertakings, such as removing hydro poles the main street, replacing the streetlights with more attractive ones and improving sidewalk areas.

Glecoff said it may be possible to carry out upgrade work such as putting in new curbs and sidewalks, as well as interlocking

brick to replace asphalt strips along the sidewalks, when the province transfers the sections of Highways 121 and 118 through the village to Dysart.

"The removal of the hydro poles is still under study because of the significant costs involved," said Glecoff.

To help raise funds for the expensive make-over project, the BIA is holding a 50/50 draw. Tickets are available at most businesses within the village.

Further information about purchasing benches or street signs can be obtained by calling Andy Glecoff at V & S Department Store, 457-2715.

TSW reservoir lakes are at 85%

At 84.8% on July 14, the Haliburton area Lakes were right on the average for the past 22 years at that date. They had risen about 0.8% from a week earlier due to some heavy rains. The usual week in summer sees them decline about 3.5%.

Less rain fell in the Kawartha area, so one more flow cut on the Otonabee brought that river

down very near its "dry times" minimum.

To prevent a further decline in these lakes of the canal route some stored water is now being run from the Haliburton Lakes, but flows of the Gull and Burnt Rivers which carry this water to the Kawartha are still generally lower than normal.

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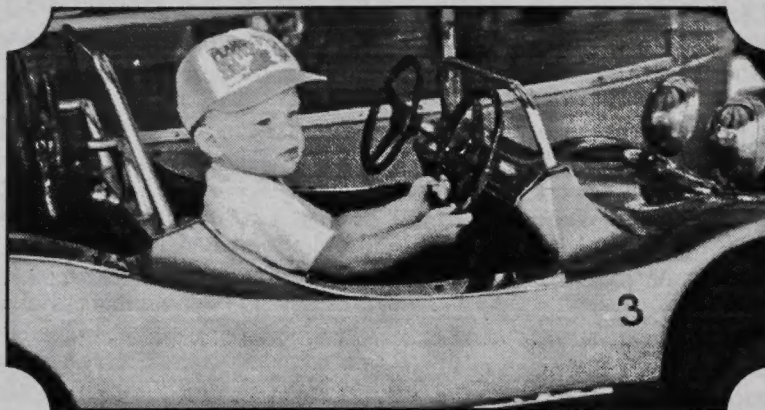
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PARATROOPERS: Erin Wiechenthal, 7, and Terry Van Bakel dared to ride the Paratrooper, just one of the rides at the midway in the field behind the Lloyd Watson Centre.

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KIDS 'N CLOWNS: Photo right, Garrett Watt, 2, went for a spin at one of the midway rides, and there were plenty of colourful clowns in the Country Good Times Parade that wound its way through Wilberforce.

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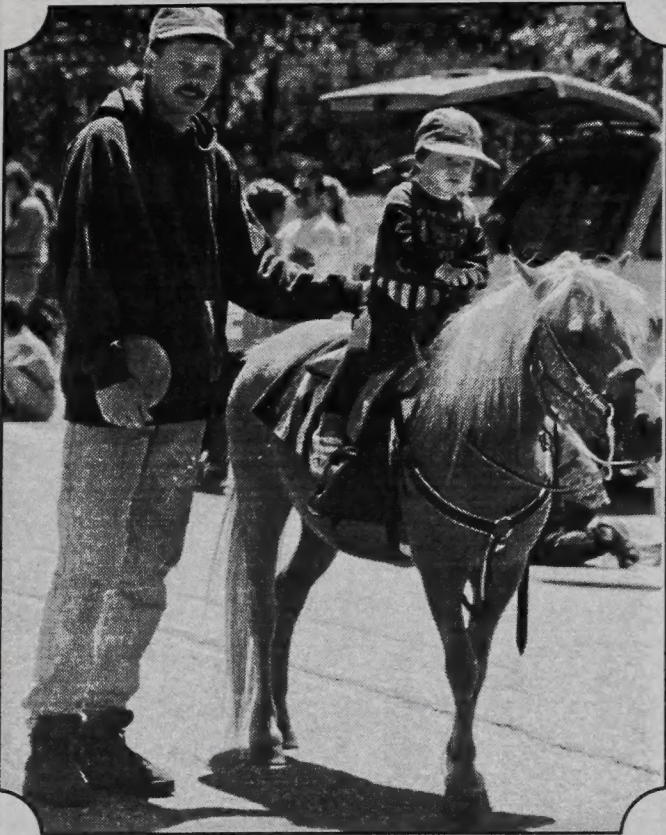
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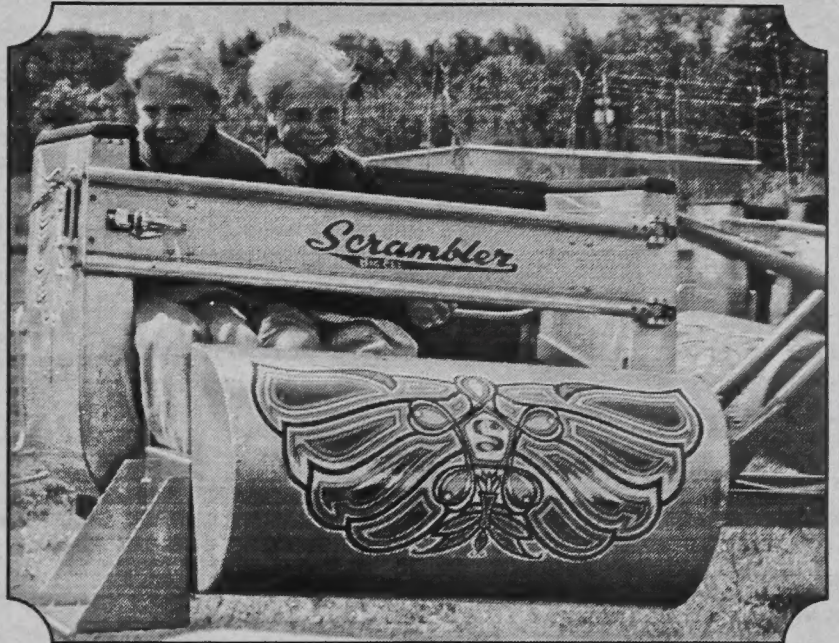
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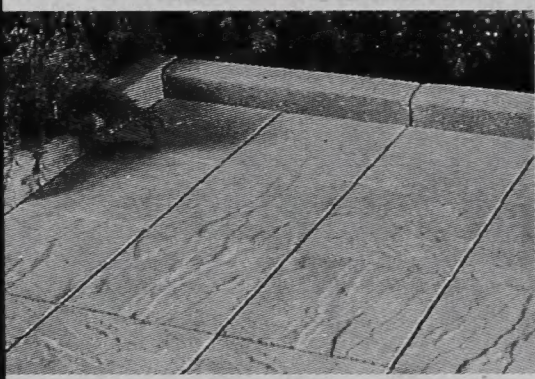
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FUN FOR EVERYONE: Clockwise from above left, ponies were one of the highlights of the Country Good Times parade whether they were carrying kids or pulling a milk wagon. Spencer DeGroat, 10, (left) and his brother Fraser, 12, had a blast on the Scrambler midway ride. The Haliburton Highlands Silver Flutes led by Tom Robinson entertains the crowd.



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**Editorial**

Don't let truth get in the way of a good rumour

THERE USED TO BE the belief that as soon as summer hit, local merchants would mark up their prices as a way of suckering all those "tourists" from the city. Merchants didn't do this, of course, but the lack of truth did not impede the rumour from becoming common "knowledge." (Why is it that rumours are rarely about anything positive?)

If you were really in the mood for resentment, then you could even hear some local residents complain that the stores didn't stay open this late in the winter when all the "tourists" were back home in the city. Were local residents second-class citizens, or what? (No, they were all just doing their shopping out of town.)

Maybe all these ill feelings came to light during a previous recession because as this recession proves, economic hard times bring out the worst in people. This isn't surprising, given the stress that low finances can cause, but such negativity can still be quite difficult to deal with. It almost becomes a self-perpetrating prophesy.

This summer, the media reassured us the recession was a thing of the past. Consumer confidence was on the rebound. Property sales were going to increase, as would real estate prices. Cottagers were trading in their old boats for bigger ones. Recreational spending was going to be anything but casual.

Well.....

The summer economy in the Highlands is certainly still a lot better than the winter economy, but few local merchants or service providers are going to be retiring early on this summer's profits. Other places may be booming, but the Highlands carries on in its familiar, steady pace. Busier, yes; frantic, no.

Even though consumers might be feeling better about their future, they still remember their habits of the past few years, when fliers were perused with great care and "SALE!!!" signs were beacons to watch out for. People became a lot more cost conscious, and more importantly, they really got to know their prices. Anyone who thinks that prices can be artificially inflated with the temperature has not yet met The New and Improved Consumer.

So local businesses are finding they have to work harder for their money. They have to offer value, good prices and friendly service. They have to make shopping into a fun activity, a recreational sport for a rainy afternoon.

Are local businesses achieving these goals? Yes and no. There is, as they say, always room for improvement. The biggest problem seems to be burnout and stress. After worrying their way through winter, their spirits are not always buoyant when the potential customers start walking through their door. There's a danger of becoming pessimistic, believing that this person isn't going to buy anything anyway so why work hard on the hard sell. Because they're tired, and profit margins are tight, many tend to follow the more traditional business hours, closing long before it's even dark outside. It's a common complaint of School of Fine Arts students that once they get back to their B & B after an invigorating but tiring day of classes, relax and have dinner at one of the restaurants, their amble along main street is unproductive because few places are open.

Those businesses which do well are those who are more aggressive in their marketing, promotions and general bonhomie. They are energetic, enthusiastic and always believe the next person will go crazy and try to "max out" their credit card limit. In short, they believe in what they're doing.

Underscoring and superseding all of this, however, is the realization that the local economy cannot survive on rainy days bringing cottagers and visitors into town for a little bit of shopping. More stability is needed, and stability comes from having a well-rounded, vibrant job market. Again, the Highlands has a golden opportunity to attract all the retirement-age baby boomers who are looking for an escape from the city as their reward for a career well done.

If you care about this county's future economic strength, and have ideas on how it can be achieved, please attend the county's strategic planning meeting this Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Haliburton Legion. All ideas welcome, all ideas needed. **M.P.**



Waterfall near West Guilford

by Maria Calabrese

Letters to the Editor

Thanks for 'splaining' why some go broke, Mr. Duncombe

To the Editor:

On behalf of all the dimwitted, cranky small business people left on the main street of Haliburton, I'd like to thank that fella, Duncombe (Perspectives, July 15) for splaining how it is some of us go bankrupt and some don't. A lot of us thought the reason we was findin' it so tough was to do with this here economy and the way the banks and guvmint pulled the rug out under so many of us up here. Heck there was even some of who thought it mighta had sumthin to do with the attitudes of some of the commercial landlords and their total lack of respect or understanding for small business people and their problems. Whoee talk about deluded.

You really blew that one outta the water, Mr. Duncombe,
Thank ya.

Cranky and
Dimwittedly yours,
J.S. Hartwick
Owner of Bwana Johns,
above Mingles Restaurant
and in the old Northland
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May Street, Fenelon Falls,
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find a sympathetic landlord
to set up shop so's me and
the folks helpin' can put a
little by for winter.
Sign or no sign.

Emergency number given at meeting was incorrect

To the Editor:

The emergency numbers saga continues!

Correction: The Ambulance Emergency number is 457-1721.

The number given to me and reported in last week's coverage of the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization meeting ... is not correct.

In conversation with Gord Munroe, Manager of Ambulance Communications, in Lindsay, has assured me that anyone who uses the incorrectly published

number (457-3916) will be connected to Ambulance Services, but the number they would prefer that Haliburton and Minden area residents use is 457-1721.

"Getting Help isn't as easy as dialing 9-1-1" and this is only another example.

Mary Hincks,
Co-ordinator of Lot
Identification Program for
Emergency Services,
& Past-President of the Lake
Kashagawigamog
Organization.

Lions' activities help to make community stronger

To the Editor:

Is the Haliburton and District Lions Club active in our Community?? Yes!! We had our Annual Mini-Boat Race on July 16 and many people supported and watched as the boats made their slow but sure progress towards the finish line at Head Lake.

Congratulations to all the winners who are in this week's Echo. Thank you to all who helped, and thank you to all who lent their encouragement to our Club.

Haliburton and District Lions are very proud to be members of this community and we have many ongoing projects that many people have supported with our appreciation. Rest

assured that your donated money is helping make our community better and stronger.

Our Lions Toll bridge is coming up the first long weekend in August, and we please ask for the continuing support for this worthy project.

If anyone would be interested in joining our growing club and helping others, please approach any member and please ask for more information.

P.S. We serve best when we hold dearly in mind the goal and purpose, rather than our place in the process.

Christine Horton,
Secretary,
Haliburton and District
Lions Club

The Echo welcomes Letters to the Editor. They must be signed, and may be edited for length. Mail to Box 360, Haliburton, K0M 1S0

Loons on the lake

THE NIGHT WAS VERY WARM and Steffie enjoyed the feel of the rough floor on her bare feet. She was sitting on her screened porch with a good book in hand and an iced tea beside her. Every once in a while the screen would thud softly as a large moth tried to fly through it. The flutter of bats was something Steffie almost felt more than heard or saw. They zig zagged between the trees like drunken, oversized butterflies. Maybe they were trying to avoid the lightening bugs, she mused, returning her eyes to the page.

Not a breeze stirred the air. The old dog was stretched on her side, legs reaching outward to catch whatever stray breath of cool might come off the lake. The moon was not yet full. Then Steffie heard it. A loon calling from somewhere on the lake. It only called twice before more joined in and quickly there was a chorus singsonging all over the scale. Some warbled, others trilled and the haunting wail that always sent shivers up her spine.

When she was little, her family was on another lake and it was not until she was about fourteen that she saw a loon. Her father called her to come see it out in the big part of the lake. She remembered running to the patio overlooking the bay and sure enough, past the channel, a large dark shape bobbed on the wind whipped waves. The only way she could be sure it was a loon was the size and shape were different from a duck. But she had to look hard before she was sure. Loons were special, elusive. The odd time she might hear a faint call while walking to the outhouse at night, but not often.

So now, to sit and hear so many echoing on the night air, was awesome, almost magical for her. She tried to imagine where they were on the lake, how many they numbered, family make-up and what all the different calls meant.

Once while riding in a pontoon boat, she had seen a loon up very close. It had been swimming underwater and surfaced almost within arm's reach. She saw the beads of water glisten on its face. Its odd, other world eyes looked at her, hesitated, then dove again.

Somewhere she had read that loons had changed very little through evolution, that they, like sharks, had been well suited to their world and stayed relatively the same for tens of thousands of years. She did not know if that was true. But there was no question there was something different about loons; they seemed to belong to a different world and time than other water fowl. Perhaps that was partly why people seemed so fascinated by them.

There were many loons on Steffie's lake. She saw them in groups of two or more. Just the other morning she was walking down her hill to the car for a trip to town and a pair of loons caught her eye. They glided across the surface of the lake like royalty on a walk about. Seeing them so unexpectedly made the sight more pleasurable.

Steffie owned no loon images. She knew many people liked to have them about the house or cottage: wallpaper, throw cushions, coffee mugs, paintings and prints. There were loon signs announcing who lived where, loon welcome mats, wind chime loons and stained glass loons. If she wanted to, Steffie could wipe her hands on a loon towel, then write a note on loon paper with a loon pen, while wearing her loon t-shirt. However, she chose none of these items. It was a personal decision. She was afraid that if she was surrounded by loons, she might grow tired of them, begin to notice less the unexpected glimpses on the lake or the night time chorus while she sat on the porch or lay in bed. The sight and sound of loons made Steffie feel special along with them since she shared their world. It was a feeling she did not want to lose.



DOWN OUR ROAD

Sharon Lynch



Pic of the Past

A young Jean (Gould) Casey at Birchpoint Lodge in its early days is held by her mother Marion Gould who was a legal secretary from Peterborough. Jean remembers having a lot of collies including Rex pictured here; she always admired how elegant their tails looked when

they were up and curled. This building hasn't been at Birchpoint for years, but some things never change - the Goulds used to rent a summer cottage at Birchpoint every year and this tradition still holds strong with other cottagers who come to the lodge every year.

Meetings plot county's future

by TAMARA WILBEE
County Office

Community based development planning and action is entering a critical phase in Haliburton County. County council through its Strategic Planning Committee and facilitator Dr. Chris Bryant, has organized an initial public consultation process that will see permanent and summer residents make a significant and continuous contribution to shaping the future of Haliburton County.

Development of any kind depends greatly on public involvement in both the planning and implementation phase of this type of process. Development relates to several areas of our community such as employment and investment opportunities (i.e. manufacturing, tourism, activities based on natural resources such as forestry related production), trade and commerce, cultural development, conservation of the environment, training and education, and infrastructure development (i.e. transporta-

tion).

Participation is not just about providing critical commentary and ideas for others to plan and take action. There is lots of room and plenty of need for other forms of participation as well.

Make sure that you contribute either as an interested citizen, or as a member of one of the many community organizations and associations in Haliburton County.

WHEN? July 24, 1997 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

WHERE? Royal Canadian Legion - Haliburton Branch

WHY? To ensure that planning and action implementation in the County and its communities has a broad base of support; that citizens contribute to the vision that will be set for the area; that citizens contribute to identify action; and that those who wish to, can contribute directly to the implementation and monitoring process.

Don't forget - luck sometimes seems to be on your side and appropriate development can

occur so that everyone's legitimate needs are met.

Unfortunately, putting your faith in luck in order to set the right mixture of change and development for an area carries about the same odds as a lottery ticket!

People don't plan to fail - they fail to plan!!

Planning for development in a community can only benefit from citizen involvement, especially when it leads directly into action!

So come out and make a difference! Meet your fellow citizens, County and Municipal Councillors and organization and association representatives. Be an informed citizen! Help others and have some fun in the process! If you'd like to come along and share your ideas and opinions on July 24th, please contact Tamara Wilbee at the County office (705) 286-1333. Don't hesitate to come if you haven't been able to plan ahead, but a call would be most helpful in arranging seating and refreshments!

More Letters to the Editor

Summer Guide provides informative, interesting read

To the Editor:

I have just finished reading the 1997 "Summer Guide" and wanted to compliment you and your staff for a wonderful publication.

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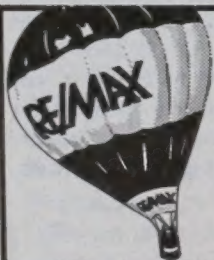
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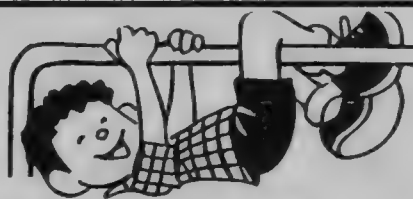
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Ride 'em, kayaker

Ed Poropat
turns kayaking
upside down

by MARIA CALABRESE
Staff Reporter

WHEN THE World Cup in kayaking comes to Minden this August, a local teacher will be cheering for the Canadian team from the shores of the Gull River.

Last summer, he was competing with these same athletes to earn a coveted berth on the national team. Although he missed his chance to be a competitor instead of a spectator, he hasn't fallen short of earning acclaim for accomplishing a goal that he set for himself.

After 12 years of riding the rapids, Ed Poropat, 35, made the pilgrimage to the Ottawa River to compete with the country's best to qualify for the World Cup event at the Minden Wild Water Preserve during the upcoming Civic weekend in August.

He paddles more at these rapids than anywhere else, and it's only 15 minutes from his

home in Haliburton, so it would have been a sweet victory to represent the country at an international sporting event taking place in his own backyard.

"I competed the week before the competition and I did quite well in a different rodeo," Poropat said. After two tries, he came up a bit short to qualify for the national team but came away a winner just the same.

"I was just happy to give it an effort; just to try," says the avid kayaker, who also participated in last year's trials.

Gooderham Elementary School is where Poropat devoted much of his past year as a Grade 4, 5 and 6 teacher, and this fall he'll be expanding the minds of Grade 7 students at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School.

Outside of the classroom, he's a student with a fascination and a thirst for knowledge about the natural world around him. But it's his thrill-seeking spirit that drives him to test the waters and tame the rapids with his kayak

every chance he gets.

"Part of it is probably adrenaline. I like thrills. I've always been like that," he said.

And for him there's no comparison between a cumbersome canoe and the independence and speed of a kayak.

"It's like owning a race car," he said. "It's like jumping in a little Ferrari after riding a sedan."

The speed at which the rapids carry its rider along still gives Poropat adrenaline rushes, as does going down a steep 30-foot waterfall. But he explains how he's moved into personal perfection with the sport, striving to be the best and becoming more technically proficient instead of madly racing down the rapids to get to the bottom in the fastest time.

Slalom races require kayakers to race down a river, cleanly hitting every gate on the course; their times are penalized if they miss a gate. Extended courses can be up to five kilometres long. They don't have gates, but they also require kayakers to find the fastest line to the bottom of

the course which means avoiding large waves and holes – the bottom part of a set of rapids where the waves splash backwards and can significantly add to kayakers' race time if they get wedged by these waves.

Poropat prefers freestyle

kayaking, a discipline where athletes are awarded points for executing different maneuvers in the water.

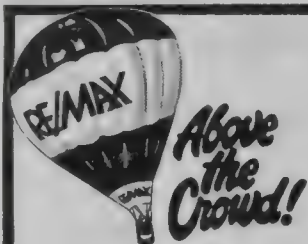
"It doesn't even involve a large part of the rapids, the whole turn can be done over two waves of rapids," Poropat said.

He gracefully works with the waves as he demonstrates some freestyle techniques which include tossing the paddles in the air and catching them, maneuvering the kayak so it's upright in the water, executing 360° flat spins, vertical cartwheels and splitwheels where the kayak is turned 180° in the middle of a cart-

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Don't worry – Poropat wants his kayak to be at a 90° angle to the surface at Minden's Wild Water Preserve



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"It's like owning a sports car"

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wheel.

Poropat's bright purple kayak has a lot of volume in the middle for control and it tapers out near the ends so it can slice through the water and allow him to execute these moves.

When he kayaks over steep cliffs, however, Poropat uses what he calls his cigar-shaped kayak that has a lot of volume from tip to tip so it will float easily after it dives.

"The sport is still in its infancy," he said. "It started just as a fun thing, and it was usually the more radical paddlers who liked to surf the waves backwards. As it progressed, it got more technical and now companies are designing boats to beat each other."

Besides riding the waves of the Minden Wild Water Preserve, Poropat travels through Ontario, West Virginia and North Carolina to test his skills at other courses. He belongs to a kayaking club in Toronto and also has a group of friends there and in Haliburton whom he paddles with.

A few spectators at this year's World Cup event at the Minden site might be intrigued to try the sport. The Ontario Wild Water Association, which operates that site, offers basic clinics and

weekend courses that teach the basics of kayaking.

Poropat doesn't compete any more since time is becoming more precious to him. He and his wife Barb Fraser have two children who are following in their father's soggy footsteps - Tamara, 4 1/2, and Keiran, 2, are both paddlers and ride at the bottom of the Minden Preserve in Horseshoe Lake.

One of Poropat's more well-known interests that he still shares with the community is his keen fascination with bats.

"I kind of latched onto them when I was working at provincial parks," he said. "The more I read, the more I became intrigued."

To get people involved with bats, he started researching them in 1986 and used his time to educate people about them. He will be giving a demonstration about these misunderstood creatures at the Frost Centre in Dorset on July 29 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

"Bats really get maligned through the media and television," he said. "They've been made out to be these nasty little creatures, but if you've ever handled one they're just amazing."

They don't carry rabies, they don't suck blood, and they eat about 150 mosquitoes in 15 min-

utes, he explained. So besides being valuable to the ecosystem, they're up for the title of man's new best friend during the summer when bugs are at their worst.

Poropat feels lucky that he was able to link up with influential people who got him into natural studies early in his life. He started as a bird watcher in Grade 7 when his school principal brought students out to the provincial park.

From birds he developed a curiosity for reptiles and amphibians, and he had a strong general knowledge of flora and fauna in the area by the time he reached university.

Poropat moved to Highlands in 1985 to work at the Camp Wanakita Outdoor Centre for a few years and he eventually did some work at provincial parks. His interest to share what he knows about the nature around

him appropriately led to teachers college and his current responsibilities as an elementary school teacher.

But September is still several weeks away and Poropat has plans of his own to occupy him during the summer.

"I'll do some work around the house, enjoy my kids, do some camping together as a family in August, and paddle," he said.



"Part of it is probably adrenaline. I like thrills. I've always been like that," he says



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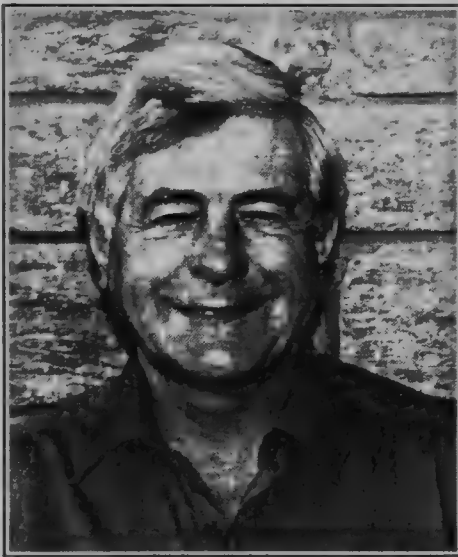
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Scientific tests on trout will help determine genetic make up of lake's fish population

by MARIA CALABRESE
Staff Reporter

Following the first of three fishing derbies at Kennisis Lake over the weekend, the Haliburton County Outdoors Association, in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources, has sent its first batch of lake trout for health and genetic testing as part of a scientific research project to deter-

mine the genetics of area lakes. "We were looking for 17 natural lake trout and we ended up with 13, so that wasn't too bad," said Larry Hewitt of the Outdoors Association.

The lake trout were driven to Guelph University on Monday morning for health testing to make sure they don't have any diseases, and a chunk of each fish will then be frozen and sent to Peterborough for genetic test-

ing.

The club was hoping to have a minimum of 20 fish per lake - the MNR already did genetic testing on four fish from Kennisis Lake during a previous project - so it's up to the MNR whether they want to catch more fish from Kennisis to determine the lake's genetics.

The more they catch from each lake, the better cross section they'll have to get an idea of the

genetics of a specific lake.

There were about 35 anglers who signed up to be part of the project on Saturday, and there were 15 boats on the water. On Sunday, there were about five boats on the lake. In the end, it was basically club members who took part in the first derby.

Hewitt said anglers had problems controlling their aluminum boats during the blustery wind conditions, but he's hoping the

weather for this weekend's second derby will be more cooperative.

This weekend, a derby will be held at Hall's Lake, Little Hawk Lake and Big Hawk Lake. The Outdoors Association is inviting any anglers who wish to volunteer their time for the project to register ahead of time by calling Heidi Williams at 286-6759 or Hewitt in the evenings at 754-1162.

On Saturday, July 26, Hall's Lake anglers will meet at Bill Jamison's home on the north shore of Hall's Lake to sign up for the derby. Jamison's home can be found off of Hawk Lake Road on Cache Road; make a left at Hall's Lake to cottage number 302.

Angler's on Big Hawk and Little Hawk Lakes will meet at noon on Saturday at the government wharf at Little Hawk Lake. The Outdoors Association has its sights set on catching at least 20 fish from each of these lakes for health and genetic testing.

During the weekend of Aug. 9 and 10, the derby will either continue on these lakes or be held at Gull Lake and Boshkung Lake, depending on whether the club has gathered enough fish from the other lakes.

The MNR issues a scientific collector's permit to the Outdoors Association for these lakes during these weekends. The club's goal is to increase fishing opportunities in the county, and once they know the genetics of some of these lakes, it will be easier to stock genetically similar lakes with one group of compatible fish instead of having to stock the lakes individually.

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Volunteers needed to help with spawning project

The Haliburton County Outdoors Association is looking for volunteers to assist with the lake trout spawning rehabilitation project this Saturday, July 26 at Glamor Lake.

About 120 tonnes of rock will be placed on a barge and dragged out to the shoals at Glamor Lake, and volunteers are needed to hand shovel the rock uniformly across the shoal area to increase the size of the spawning beds to increase lake trout survival rates.

Volunteers are asked to meet at the public landing on the east end of the lake at 8 a.m., and bring a life-jacket, a sturdy square-mouth shovel and a pair of gloves.



HALLS LAKE CATCH: John Davis, on vacation in the Highlands from Edmonton, caught this prize lake trout in Halls Lake. Though the 16-pounder isn't the biggest trout caught in the Highlands, it's certainly one most anglers would be proud to reel in.

Edmonton angler reels in big souvenir on trip

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Ten years ago, Pat Davis won a rod and reel for catching the biggest lake trout in a derby on 12 Mile Lake.

Last week, he and his son John were out fishing with that same rod and reel on Halls Lake. They had circled the bay and were discussing where they should head next when John felt a tug on the line.

Since there was about 900 feet of line out — Halls Lake is reputedly the deepest lake in the Highlands — it took a lot of reeling in for John to realize the tug was not just a little nibble. "The closer it got to the boat, the bigger you knew it was," says the Edmonton daycare owner who

was spending a few days with his parents and sister's family at Cherokee Lodge on Halls Lake.

The last few metres were the toughest, because the hook on Williams Wabler had gone through the nose of the lake trout, causing it distress as it neared the surface.

Finally, with the trout in the bottom of the boat, the Davises knew they had caught a big fish indeed. And the more people they showed it to, the more excitement the catch caused.

The average size of a lake trout caught in the Highlands is three to four pounds, and this one weighed in (at the Four Seasons store in Carnarvon) at nearly 16 pounds, or 7.3 kilograms. It was 34" long, making

it the biggest many people had ever seen.

John Davis's dream of having a trout dinner faded as more and more people said he should have the prize mounted.

Proud of his son and the size of the catch, Pat Davis agreed and offered to pay the cost of mounting the fish, which is now in the deep freezer of Minden taxidermist Alex Hoenig.

Although this isn't the largest lake trout caught in the Highlands — Art Ouellette caught a 38 pound lake trout almost 20 years ago in Drag Lake and there was a 20-pound catch in Redstone last year — it certainly is larger than most fishermen will ever dream of seeing mounted on their wall.

Deer hunting regulation changes slated for fall

Natural Resources Minister Chris Hodgson says his ministry's new approach to the controlled deer hunt is more responsive to deer populations in agricultural areas, offers more hunting opportunities and provides improved customer service.

"The changes we are making to the controlled deer hunt will continue to ensure that Ontario's deer populations are managed in a sustainable way," said Hodgson.

The changes are expected to take effect for the 1997 deer hunting season. There are currently 17 wildlife management units (WMUs) that offer annual controlled deer hunts in five MNR districts in south-central Ontario.

The recommended changes increase hunting opportunities through longer seasons, where warranted, and by allowing hunters to take more than one deer in some areas. This will provide an opportunity to better control deer populations in areas where agricultural damage is a concern.

Expanded Controlled Deer Hunts Include:

- Archery seasons will be expanded in many controlled deer hunt WMUs.

- For shotgun and muzzle-loader deer hunting, Monday through Saturday hunts will be allowed in many controlled deer hunt WMUs. The hunting seasons in many controlled deer hunt WMUs will also be expanded.

- Multiple game seals will be available in controlled deer hunt areas where there are sufficient deer populations. This may permit some hunters to take two deer in selected areas.

Administrative Changes Include:

- Any person in possession of a valid Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs farmer registration number

will be considered a farmer for the purposes of the controlled deer hunt.

- Reporting hunting information continues to be an important method for MNR to collect information. As a result, archery hunters in controlled deer hunt areas will now be required to

report their hunting activities to the ministry.

Once the regulation change has been enacted, the local MNR district or area office will provide

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Bear attacks extremely rare: Group

Chance of an attack like recent one in Algonquin Park are about four million to one

The unfortunate attack on an 11-year-old boy notwithstanding, black bear attacks are extremely rare, says a spokesperson for the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA).

An 11-year-old Montreal boy was attacked in Algonquin Park overnight while sleeping in his tent. A quick thinking counsellor sent the bear scurrying up a tree

after hitting it several times with a canoe paddle. The child was treated for bites and claw wounds at a hospital in Barry's Bay before being released several hours later.

"Campers and cottagers can be reassured in the knowledge that bear attacks are extremely rare, about 4 million-to-one," says WSPA's Patrick Tohill. There have, in fact, been only 35 fatal

attacks by a black bears in North America in the last hundred years.

There are an estimated 400,000 black bears in Canada. They are usually fairly timid creatures. Most black bears will go out of their way to avoid people. However, bear problems do occur when bears become accustomed to finding food in areas where people live or camp.

Carelessly stored food, garbage, even barbecue grease, can all attract bears and keep them coming back.

Teaching people to avoid nuisance bear problems is the focus of WSPA's Bear Safe campaign. Bear Safe is a comprehensive safety guide being offered free to the public. It will be of interest to hikers, campers, cottage-goers and rural homeowners

alike, as it contains practical tips for making this summer safe for humans and bears alike.

For example:

- When hiking, make noise as you walk along trails, especially in dense bush where visibility is limited. Talk loudly or sing songs. Your voice will help bears identify you as human. If a bear hears you coming, it will usually avoid you.

- Campers should avoid setting up camp near natural bear food sources such as berry bushes or garbage sites.

- Cooking sites should be well away from your tent (50 metres downwind), if at all possible.

- Clothing worn while cooking should be changed before going to sleep. Store in your vehicle or away from your tent.

- All food and garbage should be deposited in bear proof garbage containers, stored in your vehicle, or hung suspended in bags between two trees at a distance of not less than 200 metres from your camp.

- Cottage-owners should store all garbage in bear-proof containers or inside where bears can't get at it.

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'If you are followed by a bear, back away slowly, keeping your eyes on the bear ... Make noise to try to scare it off. Throw small stones or hit it with a stick if it tries to get close.'

fish give off strong odours. Store them in the freezer until the garbage day or time to visit the dump.

- All fruit trees, composts, and bee hives should be enclosed with chain link or electric fencing.

"If you are followed by a bear, back slowly away, keeping your eyes on the bear," advised Tohill. "Drop a canteen, backpack or some other item. This may distract the bear and allow you to get away. Make noise to try and scare the bear off. Throw small stones or hit it with a stick if it tries to get close."

"And in the unlikely event that a black bear does happen to attack," Tohill says, "you should do precisely what the quick-thinking young camp counsellor did two weeks ago - Fight Back!!"

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MNR lays hunting, fishing charges

Four Bancroft men were convicted in separate cases involving fish and wildlife violations in the Bancroft area.

The men pleaded guilty in

Ontario Court, Provincial Division to fishing with more than one line on Faraday Lake and making a false statement to a fishery officer. He was fined \$600.

Faraday Lake is a lake trout lake that has special restrictions, such as "slot size" and a one line per angler limit, intended to protect the breeding stock and maintain Faraday Lake as a self-sustaining lake trout lake.

The 1997 Ontario Sport Fishing Regulations Summary has a complete summary of lakes with special restrictions.

In another case, two men of R.R.2 Bancroft pleaded guilty under the Game and Fish Act to allowing dogs to run at large in a deer inhabited area during the closed season for deer. They were fined \$500 each.

It's important for owners to keep dogs under control at all times, but especially during the critical late winter/early spring period. Deer are most vulnerable at this time, because they need to group together or "yard", in order to travel more easily through deep snow. It is also the time of year, when the deer's energy reserves are at their lowest.

In the third case, a fourth Bancroft man was found guilty under the Game and Fish Act of taking a moose for which he had no validation tag and allowing the moose meat to spoil. He was fined \$1,300 and lost his hunting privilege for one year.

If a hunter accidentally takes a moose for which he doesn't have a validation tag, he should contact MNR right away and field dress the animal immediately, so the meat doesn't spoil.

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Royals	2	4	1	.285	3.5
Orioles (McKee's Place)	0	6	1	.000	5.5

Results of July 15 Royals, 5, Cardinals, 3 Rockies, 6, Orioles, 4

Canadian League

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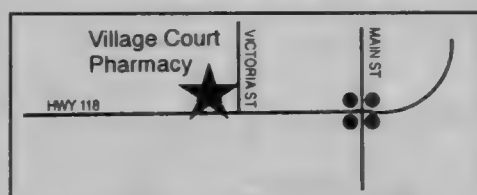
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Fun Run in Minden raises money to send kids to camp

On Friday August 1st at 6 p.m., more than 500 runners will once again embark on a 7.4 km road race along Deep Bay Road to help raise money and awareness for the AMICI Camping Charity. The unusual length and relative ease of the course attracts a much wider group of ages and skill levels from all over Ontario. For the first time ever, all registered participants will be automatically entered into "The Heights of Haliburton to the Mountains of Whistler" raffle. This AMICI fundraising initiative (\$2,500 prize value) shall conclude with

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Galway/Cavendish goes to people over shotgun marriage with Harvey

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Galway/Cavendish will get a new municipal partner in January, but it won't be the one many of its residents have been hoping to join.

The province's Ministry of Municipal Affairs has approved a restructuring proposal put forward by Peterborough County council that will see Galway/Cavendish amalgamate with its neighbour to the south, Harvey Township.

A vocal contingent of residents — mainly from Galway in the north — has been fighting for the municipality to separate from Peterborough County and join the fold in Haliburton County.

Galway/Cavendish council now plans to hold a referendum to find out whether that is the wish of the majority of the municipality's taxpayers.

The referendum question will be mailed out to all property owners in the municipality later this week with a return deadline set for August 28. The outcome will be known after an official count is taken on August 29.

"We're going to find out once and for all if the people from Galway/Cavendish want to join Haliburton County or if they don't," said Don LaCombe, who was appointed by council to co-chair the committee organizing the referendum.

LaCombe said the referendum will tell those pushing to break away from Peterborough County whether to continue their efforts

or throw in the towel.

"If it comes out that people don't want to go to Haliburton County then we would cease what we're doing. We'd have to ... but if they want to join Haliburton, then we'd carry on."

However, a majority vote by the taxpayers to leave Peterborough County would still not guarantee it would happen.

Now that the Municipal Affairs Minister Al Leach has signed the restructuring order, the townships of Galway/Cavendish would have to go through a new "mini-restructuring" to separate from both Harvey Township and Peterborough County, said county administrator Joe Tiernay.

The plan would first need to receive approval from the new council representing the amalgamated municipality of Galway-Cavendish and Harvey Township that will be voted into office in November.

Then it would require the go ahead from Peterborough County council, Haliburton County council and the province.

"It would have to go through a restructuring similar to the one we've just gone through with the necessary studies and approvals," said Tiernay.

While some may hope a majority vote to join Haliburton County could stop the amalgamation of Galway/Cavendish and Harvey, Tiernay said, "I don't see that happening."

Altering the restructuring plan would take a great deal of time and work. The municipal elec-

tion is less than four months away and the two municipalities are already deep in discussions planning their merger.

"(The amalgamation) will happen unless there is some form of provincial intervention," said Tiernay.

Those who want Galway/Cavendish to be included within Haliburton County's borders have not given up, despite the significant hurdles ahead of them.

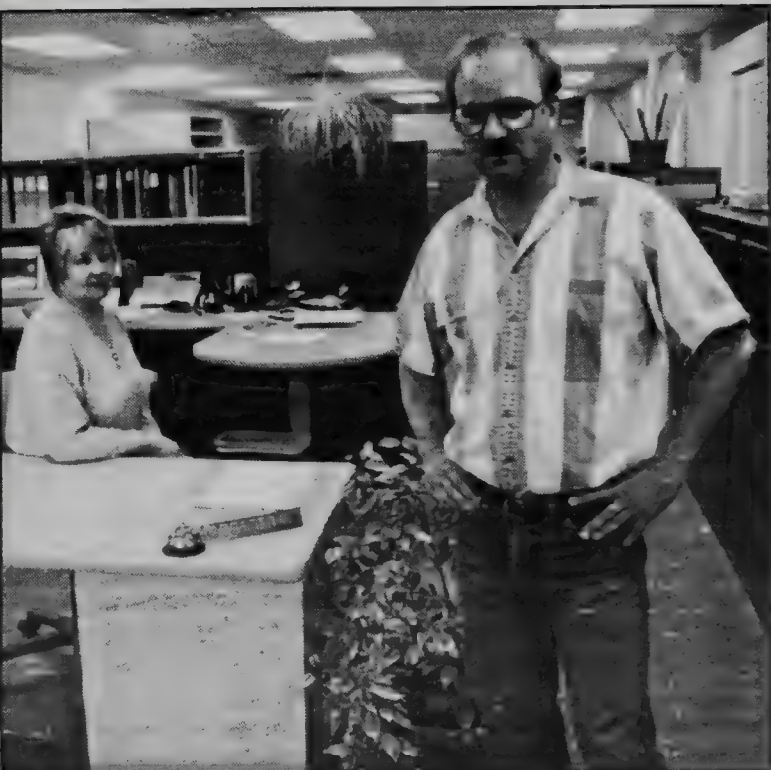
"We're still hopeful that we can get back out of Harvey Township and Peterborough County and join Haliburton County," said Peter Charters, one of the driving forces behind the merger proposal. "... The Ministry has simply approved this proposal. That doesn't mean it's the only one that would fly."

LaCombe promised the referendum question would be straightforward, leaving no room for misinterpretation.

The question will ask taxpayers to place an 'X' beside the name of either Haliburton County or Peterborough County, based on which one they believe "will best serve the interests of the united townships of Galway-Cavendish."

Two public information sessions have been scheduled to discuss the referendum and the background leading up to it. The first meeting is at the Galway Recreation Centre on Sunday, Aug. 10 at 10 a.m. The second will be held at the Cavendish Recreation Centre on August 16 at 10 a.m.

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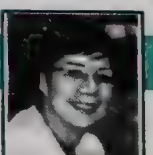


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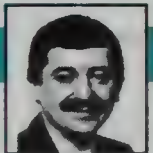


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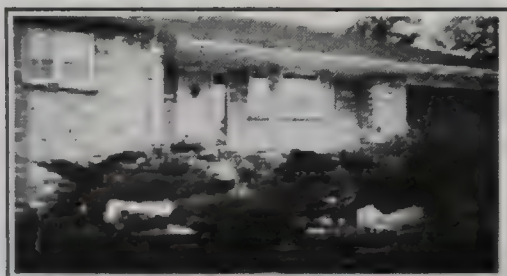
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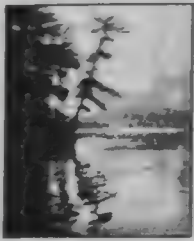


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Bark-ing up the right tree

■ *Unique educational program draws country's top students to Bark Lake*

by **PETER DOWNS**
Staff Reporter

On the surface, trying to invent new methods of processing waste doesn't exactly sound like the most thrilling way for a bunch of teens to spend their summer holidays.

Again on the surface, when they're all gathered back at school in September, telling friends they met a new someone on vacation may sound a whole lot more interesting than saying, "Some friends and I designed a device to suck the moisture out of compost material, thereby turning it into a more compact, powdery form."

But a select group of the country's brightest high school students have spent a good part of their summer thinking about waste and how to process it.

And the teens, gathered deep in the Haliburton Highlands at Bark Lake, say it's been one of their best summers yet.

The 48 senior students — 24 male, 24 female — are participating in an innovative educational program with a focus on science, technology and entrepreneurship.

Shad International, a not-for-profit organization, has teamed up with Trent University and Bark Lake to offer its Shad Valley program through a new joint campus called Bark Lake Trent.

Offered in co-operation with eight other Canadian universities from coast to coast, Shad International worked with Trent and Bark Lake to give the educational program an environmental curriculum befitting the

magnificent natural setting of the newest campus.

"This is the first campus with an environmental focus," explains program co-director David Swan. "It wouldn't work to have the students do the high

end computer and technological work here."

For that the students will spend one week at Trent University, where they can make

use of extensive computer and science labs. The remaining three weeks of the camp, which runs throughout July, are spent at Bark Lake.

To be accepted to the Shad Valley program, students need to have proven themselves academically in science and math. But it's equally important to show they are well-rounded, with interest and expertise in the arts, athletics and other areas.

"Most of the students are typically at the top one or two per cent of Canadian students academically, but it's not strictly academics," says Swan. "They're gifted in a lot of different areas."

Designing means to efficiently process waste is the major project the students are to work on during the course, but it isn't the only thing on the agenda — far from it.

They're also studying ecosystems, conducting an inventory of wildlife species surrounding Bark Lake, mapping the area and conducting hydrological experiments.

"They're getting a real combination of university level education and then being able to walk outside and actually do what they've learned," said Swan. "We're trying to get away from in-class stuff and get them doing hands-on work."

"We end up challenging them a lot more than their regular high school program," said recreation director Aaron Sheedy. "Some of these students have never had to pick up a book in high school. Here we may be teaching them

something just above their heads that they have to strive to understand."

On top of the academic demands of the program, the days are packed with activities, such as canoe trips, kayaking, martial arts, archery and hiking.

"You're so busy you don't have time to miss being at home," says Melissa Day, a Grade 12 student from Trinity Bay, Nfld. "... The days here at Shad Valley are the longest I've ever had to punch in in my life, yet they go by so fast."

Despite the early mornings — most of the students take part in optional recreational activities beginning about 6 a.m. — late-night discussions delving into deep topics are a standard.

"Nobody sleeps at Shad Valley. No one," says Graeme Smith of New Hamburg, Ont.

While they come very different backgrounds and different parts of the country, many of the students share the same basic traits — they're intelligent, creative, highly motivated and curious.

After just a couple weeks together, for most of the students it feels as though they've already known each other for the whole summer.

"I have to say I was really nervous coming up here, but it's been unbelievable," says Day.

"I think some of the most memorable things I'm going to take away from this are the conversations I've had and the people I've met," says Grade 12 student Chris Buckle of Toronto.



TESTING THE WATERS:

The Shad Valley program at Bark Lake has an environmental focus. From left, Chris Buckle, of Toronto, Graeme Smith, of New Hamburg, and Sal DiMaio, of Montreal, conduct an experiment as part of their studies.



GOING FOR A PADDLE: Melissa Day, of Trinity Bay, Nfld., front, and Alicia Woods, of Fort St. John, BC, go for a canoe ride on Bark Lake during a break.

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by KERRY RILEY
Special to the Echo

The following are brief excerpts of items discussed at the July 14 meeting of Monmouth Council.

Resident Catherine Wilson approached Council with a written statement and petition requesting that a policy on topless sunbathing at public beaches be developed. The statement favoured segregation of existing beaches, reserving some for "family" swimming where toplessness would be discouraged, and designating others as topless areas. The preservation of family values and the protection of children were cited as motivations for the request.

As well, Ms. Wilson expressed concern that topless sunbathers would devalue Monmouth's beaches as tourist attractions.

Council accepted the petition, and expressed sympathy with the concerns. However, they pointed out that no

MONMOUTH COUNCIL BRIEFS

local by-law could override a Supreme Court decision. They agreed to file the submission and research possible policy development. It was unanimously agreed that posting the areas now, before any difficulties have arisen, might simply invite defiance from topless advocates.

Minor Hockey pulling out of red

Representative Rick Huffman presented Council with a \$1,500 payment against the Wilberforce Minor Hockey Association's outstanding ice-time bill of \$5300. He proposed that, as in past years, the balance be paid from bingo proceeds throughout the summer. Council agreed.

However, Reeve Kieth Tallman cautioned the Association to review its fundraising techniques, in the hopes of being able to meet the entire bill in succeeding years. Should amalgamations proceed, he warned, resulting in a Council with less local interest, future councils might not be so lenient.

At present, registration fees provide only one-quarter of the approximately \$20,000 in annual ice-time expenses.

Janitorial tenders considered

Tenders for janitorial services for the library, medical centre and Lloyd Watson Centre were opened, after

Councillors Rick Forget and Jim Deterling absented themselves due to declared conflicts of interest. Quotes ranged from a high of \$1,375 to a low of \$200. Because of the large discrepancy, Council decided to interview the four lowest bidders to satisfy themselves that the terms were understood before making a final decision.

Creative thinking good insurance

Review and adjustment of Monmouth's insurance policies with Frank Cowan Insurance representative Rob Dempsey resulted in a \$1608 savings on the municipal liability policy.

Curling Club members Bob Park and Jack Ward asked for clarification of the club's position regarding use of the curling building which Monmouth owns and insures. Dempsey says that while all property claims were adequately covered by the township's policy, the club executive were vulnerable to liability claims, and required expensive personal policies. However, further discussion revealed that if the club appointed a Board of Directors, which included at least one member of council, and if Council directed the finances of the club, then liability claims could be covered by Monmouth's policy.

In other matters....

A resolution to purchase a new dump box for a Roads Department truck, at a cost of \$43,375 plus taxes passed. Bids will be sought for the old senior citizens' building beside the park.

A resolution was also passed to adopt a by-law allowing Monmouth to set fees for fire department services within the township only.

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'TRIP OF A LIFETIME'

■ Imaginary safaris turn into real-life African adventure for two couples from the Highlands

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

YEARS AGO WHEN they were hockey coaches, Sid Cooper would lead Doug Mitchell on imaginary safaris to pass the time away on endless early morning road trips.

He used memories from five years of teaching in Africa to transform the frozen, snow-covered scene outside their car into an exotic landscape teeming with wildlife.

Last month Mitchell and his wife, Ruth, from Haliburton, and Cooper and his wife, Louise, from West Guilford, embarked on a new African adventure.

Only this time the lions and elephants they saw were real and they were toting luggage, not hockey bags.

The Mitchells met up with the Coopers, who have been teaching in Korea for the past year, on June 12 for a three-week trek through six African countries.

And aside from having the greatest travelling experience of their lives, the Mitchells were able to carry out an important mission for another family from the Highlands.

Wilberforce residents Heather and Herman Poppe, along with their son, Mike, sponsor a child in Tanzania through World Vision.

When they found out the Mitchells were going to Africa, the Poppes asked the couple to deliver a gift package to the child, including a beautiful quilt Mrs. Poppe made, as well as a pair of sandals.

Making the delivery became a mini-adventure in itself.

The Mitchells carried the package with them throughout their travels with the Coopers in four countries before they reached Tanzania.

But because the child the Poppes sponsor lives in a very remote village, the Mitchells were unable to hand-deliver the gifts.

Instead they brought it to World Vision's main

Tanzanian office in the city of Arusha, where they made another near-Highlands connection.

It was Canada Day, and when the Mitchells and Coopers learned the director of the organization is Canadian, they decided to return to the office in the afternoon to meet him.

The director, Dirk Booy, told the couples he was planning to return to Canada during his holidays for a family reunion.

"When we asked him where he was going," Mr. Mitchell recalls, "he said, 'You probably wouldn't know where (the resort) is. It's off a little road outside a place called Bracebridge on a river.'"

The name of the road? The Vankoughnet, off Hwy. 118.

"It seemed so strange to be in a building in downtown Arusha and have a fellow not only say he's Canadian, but say he's going to a place about one hour from where we live," says Mrs. Mitchell.

Their visit at World Vision convinced the Mitchells of the important work carried out by the organization and the urgent need for more sponsors such as the Poppes.

"Often, you think that your money goes nowhere ... but we saw in Tanzania that it was being spent very well," says Mr. Mitchell.

The couple plans to begin sponsoring a child in Tanzania through World Vision.

The Mitchells and Coopers also had another Canadian connection during their travels.

In Zimbabwe they met a man from Ontario who is on a government contract through the

Ministry of Natural Resources to design the country's environmental laws.

"He and his wife invited us to their home for dinner. It was just wonderful," says Mrs. Mitchell.

While the prospect of travelling through Africa didn't immediately appeal to the Mitchells, they decided it was an experience they couldn't pass up.

"I had no desire to go to Africa, that's the truth," says Mrs. Mitchell. "But the more we got talking about it, boy, those opportunities may only come along once in your life. It was the best decision we ever made."

Travelling with their long-time friends, who are back in West Guilford for a few weeks before returning to Korea for another year of teaching, made the adventure even more worthwhile.

Mr. Mitchell and the Coopers all taught together at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School before retiring.

Among the many highlights of the trip for the Mitchells were the safaris they went on through some of Africa's top national parks, where they saw lions, elephants, giraffes and other exotic animals.

"All the things you see on TV and in National Geographic — it was amazing to be there," says Mr. Mitchell.

They also have lasting memories of scenic landscapes, exotic foods and the many warm and friendly people they met.

"We had just a



SPECIAL DELIVERY: Aside from having the greatest travelling experience of their lives in Africa, Ruth and Doug Mitchell carried out an important mission for another family from the Highlands. They delivered a quilt and other gifts from the Poppe family of Wilberforce to a child they sponsor in Tanzania.

wonderful time together," says Mrs. Mitchell. "The four of us had probably what we thought was the trip of a lifetime."



OPENING SOON!



The Victorian Order of Nurses Adult Day Centre opens in the village of Haliburton on September 3, at Echo Hills Legion Apartments (corner of Robertson Rd. and Eastern Ave.). Our bright, cheerful Centre is an ideal setting for adults with health problems to participate in social and recreational activities planned to meet their needs. This is also an opportunity for their care-giver to enjoy a break from their regular daily routine while the participant is being cared for in a safe and secure environment.

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Bell Canada modernizes

by MARIA CALABRESE
Staff Reporter

Bell Canada customers in Haliburton could be looking at a monthly fee increase of over \$4 in the new year, although in exchange for the fee hike, party lines will soon be eliminated and long distance charges will eventually not apply to calls from Haliburton to Cardiff and Bancroft, said a Bell Canada representative.

Julie Hollinger, a communications manager for Bell, said the company has submitted a two-part proposal to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission. Bell wants the CRTC to approve an average monthly fee increase of \$1.51, depending on where customers live, as part of the phone company's \$200-million modernization project that would upgrade local phone service.

The increase for Haliburton customers is higher than average with basic monthly service fees increasing by \$2.15 for single-party customers, \$2.20 for two-party customers and \$1.10 for four-party customers.

Hollinger said approximately 60,000 customers in Ontario and Quebec are served by a four-party system, and within two years most of these customers will have the option of switching to a single-party service. The

rest would be offered single-party service by 2001.

The new infrastructure would also expand the local calling area in smaller communities. In Haliburton, customers can call Carnarvon, Gooderham, Minden, West Guilford and Wilberforce without paying long distance fees because these areas are now part of the local calling area. This area will be extended to include Bancroft and Cardiff, but a date for this change hasn't been established yet.

On May 1, the CRTC allowed other phone companies to compete with Bell for local phone service. Hollinger said the price that Bell charges for local service is below market value, so the company is also asking for CRTC approval for an average monthly fee increase of \$1.51.

Basic monthly service fees for Haliburton customers will increase by \$1.95 for single-party customers, \$1.10 for two-party customers and \$0.55 for four-party customers.

Total fee increases of \$4.10 for single-party customers, \$3.30 for two-party customers and \$1.65 for four-party customers are still subject to CRTC approval and could take effect on Jan. 1, 1998.

Throughout August, Bell will be sending out a mail insert in their customers' bills informing them about fee increases, what

improvements are going to be made and when these services will be available, Hollinger said.

The infrastructure projects Bell proposes to undertake are the second phase of a system upgrade that began last year with a \$180-million modernization program to provide basic services to rural areas.

Bell updated from analog to digital switches which will allow all of its single-party customers access to some of Bell's SmartTouch features, including call display, call waiting and name display, by the end of this year. Some communities in the far north will have access to digital switching capabilities by mid-1998.

Bell's \$200-million modernization project to provide all customers with single-party service by 2001 will eliminate mileage charges that some two- and four-party service customers pay in addition to their monthly charges in order to get access to a single line.

This proposed infrastructure plan will also improve communications networks giving communities the technical capabilities of upgrading their 9-1-1 emergency service, but Hollinger said it's up to the individual municipalities whether they implement the technology for their area.

Bell Canada improves communications in rural areas with \$200 million infrastructure upgrade

If you live in:	You're local calling area has been extended to:	Access to single-party phone service:
Coboconk	Cameron, Lindsay	✓
Bobcaygeon	Lindsay	
Cameron	Coboconk, Kinmount, Minden	
Fenelon Falls	Kinmount, Minden	✓
Gooderham	Bancroft, Cardiff	✓
Haliburton	Bancroft, Cardiff	✓
Kinmount	Cameron, Fenelon Falls, Lindsay	✓
Minden	Cameron, Fenelon Falls, Lindsay	✓
Wilberforce	Bancroft, Cardiff	✓
Beaverton	Lindsay, Oakwood, Sunderland	
Peterborough	Apsley, Campbellford, Havelock, Nephton, Warkworth	
Kirkfield	Lindsay, Oakwood	✓
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It was a good weekend for all

Among the most enjoyable entries in the Country Good Times Parade last Saturday was the wonderful Home of Skunks from Bowes & Cocks Ltd. Not the usual property shown by them, this fine standard out-house was inhabited and surrounded by skunks large and small. The Curling Club people had a very imaginative float and with all that hot, humid weather last week one almost wished oneself out on the ice rock and broom in hand. It was great to have the Kawartha Dairy horse-drawn milk cart, Beautiful horse! Fine cart! Several ponies added life to the scene. Agnew's Wask-er-ena float reminded all of the Wilberforce salute to and dance around the mosquito. The Silver Flute Band looked fine in their lovely blue uniforms – and it was cool enough this year to wear their jackets. Bancroft Pipe Band and Lindsay Kinsmen Band members were in good form.

The Friday night Country 105 Video Dance was well attended and proved to be an exciting experience. Dancers felt they were almost dancing with the country music stars as the video images on the three big screens cast a very large presence. But there's nothing like the real live band – and Summerwind gave the audience and dancers fine music at the Saturday night dance and at the Amateur contest on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

The Monmouth Volunteer Firemen outdid themselves serving hundreds of burgers loaded with those sweet tasting fried onions. Great effort by these buys and their friendly helpers. Sunday morning's Legion Pancake Breakfast was also up to usual fine standards, very tasty indeed, even to late comers!

Winner of the Legion's Annual meat Draw was Laurie LeMesurier a regular guest at the Bostonian, from Scarborough. James W. Hill of Kemtville is the owner of the U.C.'s lawn chair. That ticket was drawn by Michael Lockwood of Bancroft. A very surprised and delighted Edith Daniels of Wilberforce won the much admired Heritage Quilt. That ticket was drawn by Mr. Russell, a Summerwind Band member. Edith was one of the ladies of the community who cheerfully quilted many stitches on the quilt. The Monmouth Recreation Committee are to be thanked for their untiring efforts to bring this annual event about. It takes a lot of work to try and keep this type of festival alive. To keep the things that folks enjoy. To add, to change, to keep it fresh. Start thinking about next year. Make positive suggestions and give all those involved a pat on the back. They deserve it.

And now on to the Fair. Yes, next weekend sees the Monmouth Agricultural Fair moves on to the stage. Get those cakes baked, the flowers arranged, the photos mounted, the dogs groomed, the ducks corralled and get there to see and smell the horses. I personally walk near the horse area several

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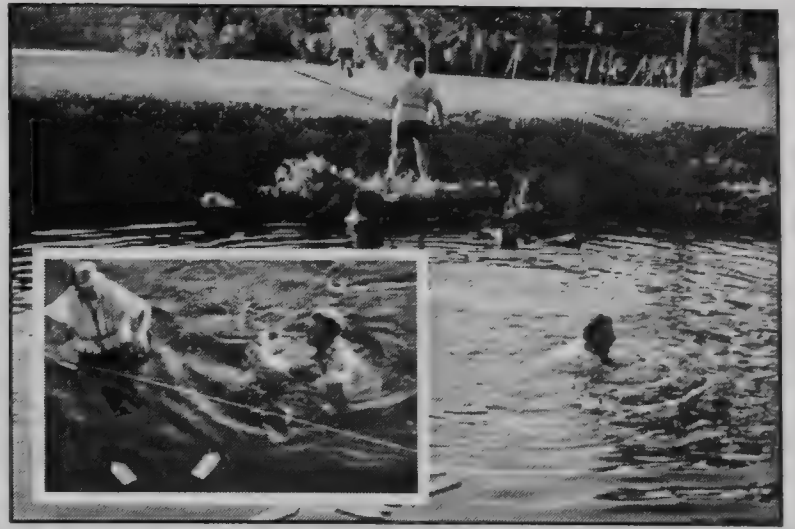
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Hilda Clark

times just to get a whiff of horse. It brings back childhood memories of helping on the farm. This is a good event to attend. Just strolling about in a very low-key way, looking at the quilts and knitting, the vegetables and fruit, pies and muffins, the flowers and children's projects, and then a visit to the petting zoo makes

for a pleasant time.

Ever busy Elsie Lewis had a wonderful time last week going every day to Bobcaygeon to the Lay Readers Academy held at the Anglican Christ Church there. Yes, this is the same lady, who with Ev. Hemphill and Phil Shcherbak were judges at the CGT Amateur Show on the weekend. And who starred as the devious Mary Titheridge in the Loop Troup's Strawberry Jam and who helps lead the Gentlemen of Song. Way to go, Elsie.



The Haliburton Lions Club held its annual mini-boat race down the Drag River on Wednesday to raise money for the blind. Inset: Ron Barr and Alf Hellemans hold up the winner (Here, There pg 2.)

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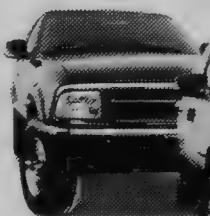


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Sheila Lake
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Adam McGillivray, Josh McNaull, Ryan McWhirter, Erin Payne, Chris Pemeroski, Ben Politi, David Scissons, Michael Scott, Tania Silk, Justin Stewart, Stephanie Suckling, Michela Third, Erin Van Nus, James Wakelin, Matt Watson, Jenny Weeks, Jeff Weerdenberg and Daniel Williams.

Graduates were joined by vice principal Bill Adams, principal Al Squires, teacher Faye Vernon and the valedictorian was Sarah Graham.

The following received awards: Math Award to McNaull; English Award to Sarah Graham; Geography Award to Cole Bates; History Award, Rebecca Graham; Science Award, Keegan Chaisson; Drama Award, Ben Polite; Visual Arts Award, Julie Bryant; Music Award, Jasmine Fogwell and Kevin Huer; French Award, Erin Hobson and Elizabeth Francis; Athletic Award, Chris Duarte and Jasmine Fogwell; Most Improved, Erin Van Nus and Jennifer McDade; Citizenship Award, Erin Hobson; Spirit Award, Amanda Angiers and Cole Bates; Valedictorian award, Sarah Graham.

Get well wishes to Peggy Hall, who was in

hospital, but is now home.

Vera Weaver celebrated her 84th birthday on July 10.

The large addition to the IGA store is a great improvement. Lots of wide aisles, more grocery items to choose from, a newly paved parking lot.

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The John Faulkner family of Peterborough were Sunday visitors with Myrtle Faulkner.

Relatives and lots of friends attended the wedding dance for

Andrew and Janice Faulkner, held in the Community Centre in Cambray, on June 28th.

Marjorie Cormier, a resident of Coboconk for many years, then later, a Lindsay resident passed away in Lindsay recently. Sympathy goes out to her husband Lawrence, and family, Linda, Rose and Larry.

Sympathy also goes out to Emma Windatt in the death of her husband Maurice and to the family of the late George Suggitt. George was raised and lived in Baddow, just south of Coboconk, all his life. Sympathy goes out to Sharon and Shawn and Kimberly.

Diane Mount is a gal who is business as a hairdresser, at her home four kilometres west of Coby on Highway 48.

A Jack and Jill was held for Paul Wilson and Shelly Foster, at the Coboconk Legion Hall on Sat. July 12.

A Jack and Jill will be held for Jennifer Francis (Bowins) and Ron Paradie on July 19 in the Norland Rec. Centre.

Relatives and friends, attended the wedding of Peter Strong, formally of Buller Rd., Norland, at Jacksons Point on Saturday, July 12th. Best Wishes to Vera Weaver who celebrated her 84th birthday on July 10.

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Six-year-old Pauline Harney, far left, takes aim at the Kinmount Lions Club's dunk tank because it's her sister, Regan, 7, who's in the hot seat. With a little help, Pauline dunks Regan, left, who warms up in a blanket afterwards, below



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by
Martha
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Gord Woodman of the Dysart Volunteer Fire Department suits up Samantha and Andrew Love, left, while above, Emily and Charlie Still fish for prizes and Ron Barr, right, tosses a horseshoe

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Part Lot 6, concession 1, in the township of McClintock in the county of Haliburton, described as Parts 1,2 and 3 on Plan 19R-1374. Located on the north-east side of Otter (Tock) Lake.

Tenders must be received into the Municipal Office on Main Street, Box 99, Dorset, Ontario P0A 1E0 on or before 4:00pm on August 8th, 1997 and shall be reviewed at 3:00pm on the 14th day of August, 1997 in Council Chambers.

Tenders must be enclosed in a sealed envelope and shall clearly indicate the contents are a 'Tender for the Sale of Land'. Tenders must be accompanied by a 20% (20 percent) deposit in the form of a certified cheque at the time of the bid.

Reserve bid \$35,000.00

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NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLAMORGAN TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF TAMARACK LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Chapter 302, Section 298 and Section 301 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Township Council of the Corporation of the Township of Glamorgan proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the council Chambers, Gooderham, Ontario on Wednesday, the 27th day of August, 1997, a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the original Shore Road allowance in Front of Lot 25, Concession III, Township of Glamorgan, County of Haliburton, being Parts 1 and 2 on the Preliminary Plan of Survey dated October 15, 1996 made by Greg Bishop, Ontario Land Surveyor.

The preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Township of Glamorgan offices, Gooderham, Ontario.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Township of Glamorgan shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard.

DATED at GOODERHAM, Ontario this 15th day of July, 1997.

GLEN MADILL,
CLERK-TREASURER

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLAMORGAN TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF BILLINGS LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Chapter 302, Section 298 and Section 301 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Township Council of the Corporation of the Township of Glamorgan proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the council Chambers, Gooderham, Ontario on Wednesday, the 27th day of August, 1997, a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the original Shore Road allowance in Front of Lot 31, Concession VII, Township of Glamorgan, County of Haliburton, being Parts 1 and 2 on the Preliminary Plan of Survey dated December 31, 1993 made by Greg Bishop, Ontario Land Surveyor.

The preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Township of Glamorgan offices, Gooderham, Ontario.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Township of Glamorgan shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard.

DATED at GOODERHAM, Ontario this 15th day of July, 1997.

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This road closing is pursuant to By-law No 2167 of the County of Haliburton, deemed appropriate for the safe and orderly operation of the World Cup Kayak event at the Minden Wild Water Preserve.

The barricade at Highway 35 will be manned so that local traffic may be allowed access. There will not be any vehicular access to the section of road at the Wild Water Preserve during the road closing and parking will be prohibited on County Road 20.

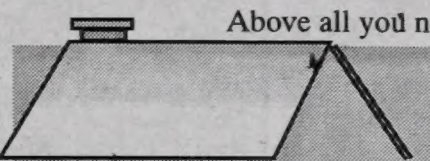
Spectators wishing to attend the World Cup Race may park at the Minden Fairgrounds and ride to the race site on the shuttle bus service.

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In spite of the cool nights the lake water stays at a comfortable temperature and it's great sleeping weather. The lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer are with us and very welcome.

Summer Day Camp and Red Cross swimming lessons are available at the Dorset Recreation Centre during July and August for children aged 4 to 12. Mondays to Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Extended hours are available on request for an added fee. Geoffrey Alcock and Stephanie Bionda are back to help keep things moving and fun filled days are guaranteed. Stop at the centre to register or obtain schedules. Call 766-9968.

DORSET

News

Phyllis Briscoe
766-2237

We send get well wishes to all who are under the weather and special thoughts and prayers for those who are hospitalized.

The annual memorial service at the Paint Lake Cemetery was Sunday, July 20. Rev. Susan Manning and Father Tom Cunningham officiated.

The strawberry season is about over and soon it will be raspberry time and then those luscious blueberries. What is more yummy than a fresh blueberry or raspberry pie? However, if you are not fortunate enough to have some berry bushes

on your own or have access to a patch, you have to buy them and the price is practically prohibitive, especially if one is baking for a bake sale.

When I was growing up in Dorset, there were not a quarter as many residences and buildings as there are today. There were plenty of fields nearby with berry bushes, so everyone picked their own berries. It was great. But times change and nothing lasts forever.

H.H. - Nothing freshens up the smells more delightful than cedar. Cedar chips or boughs may be used in a closet or in dresser drawers and will give a fresh smell. A nylon stocking filled with cedar can be hung in a closet or boughs laid in the bottom of dresser drawers will do the trick.

Committee is congratulated for restoring sign ruined by vandals

WEST GUILFORD

News

Eleanor Cooper
754-2388

Congratulations to Delane and Lyle Sawyer's son, Curtis, who graduated this June from Georgian College's Small Engine Marine Mechanics Course.

Bert and Nila Cowen have special company these days, their daughter Kendra Stamp and children, Billie Jo and Danielle from Claremont, Florida, are here for a summer holiday.

With great sadness we report the death of a good neighbour, Harold Beatty on July 16. Our sympathy extends not only to his wife Dorothy and family, son Joe and Velma and daughter Christine and Yan Larson and their young families, but also to Harold's friends.

They will all miss his expertise for anything

mechanical. He shared his fascination for and understanding of vehicles with anyone who needed his help in this way. He left his mark on the community and will be sorely missed.

The Cowen Reunion takes place at the center on August 2. I understand that the Coulter, Vic and Garnet from Campbell River, B.C. will be present as well.

Congratulations to Nicole Cooper, one of six from Haliburton who participated in the Legion sponsored track and field event in Windsor two weeks ago.

Nicole participated in discuss throwing, javelin, and shot put and came in eighth over all.

Company at Bill and Nyra Marshall's last week were John and Yvonne Oliver of Pickering.

With regret we note the spoiling of the beautiful sign at the centre. Improvements come through dedication and imagination and hard earned money, all of which can be brought to nothing by vandalism.

Surely there is more fun and satisfaction in building and creating than in destruction. The work of the committee is much harder when events like this happen, so hats off to the group who keeps on going anyway with restoration and improving the centre.

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Seniors extend invitation to fashion show

It seems every week there is a turnabout in the weather. The heat is with us once again, so fans are going full blast at our home. Because of the heat, things slow down here; activities are planned carefully with the temperature in mind.

On Friday morning, June 11, we enjoyed a showing of "Riverdance". We just loved the music and the wonderful dancers, and at our happy hour later that day we were entertained by the Pickards.

The weekend was a very quiet a time for all of us to

SENIOR LEAGUE

Hyland Crest News

Donna Wallace
286-2140

just relay and visit with one another.

On Tuesday a memorial was held in our chapel for Violet Cooke, with Rev. Peter Walford-Davis presiding.

In the afternoon our regular craft session took place. The garden crows and vegetable row markers, that are displayed for sale at our

entrance, were completed in the craft group. They have also been crocheting pull cords for the lights in residents' rooms and bathrooms.

On Wednesday, many of us attended our monthly residents' council meeting. We discussed and planned many upcoming events, such as future bus trips, lunches out, activities and a boat trip from Lindsay up the Scugog River.

Also discussed with much enthusiasm was our upcoming fashion show. Residents were encouraged to invite family and friends to this

event. Our own residents will be the models for the line of clothing and refreshments will be served. Muriel Harrison and Lola Prentice will be the hostesses.

We missed Dorie MacAllister at this meeting. Dorie volunteers at our residents' council meeting: Dorie's husband, Tom (who is also a volunteer here has recently undergone surgery, Dorie's father is also not well. Our thoughts are with you Dorie, and also to your family.

Wednesday evening, we were entertained by the

Fearreys and afterwards we enjoyed our ice cream.

At the time of writing this we are hearing music from the lounge nearby. Jack and Ruth Worthington are here every Thursday morning for "Hylander Band". We never tire of the old songs. Jack and Ruth are also here every Sunday evening's chapel service. Ruth plays the organ while Jack assists at the service. We appreciate their time here.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to a new R.N. at our home, Darcy Burke.

Our residents' garden is

coming along nicely and we are looking forward to our picnic on July 23 at Minden Rotary Park.

This afternoon, the Minden Shuffleboard group, will be serving at our weekly tea party. Our thanks to them.

Remember, our fashion show, July 28 at 1:30 p.m. starring our own residents as models. Mark the date on your calendar. Family, friends, staff, volunteers all welcome. Come and join us for some fun and there will be "eats" too.

Bye now. Have a good and safe week.

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